

The technical proposal shall be submitted in hard copies and, in addition, on ISO-9660 CDROM, formatted in Portable Document Format (PDF) format. Thirteen (13) hard copies and twelve (12) machine readable CDROM copies of the Offeror's technical proposal shall be submitted in the format prescribed in L.6.1 to the following address:

Mail/UPS/FedEx Address and Hand Delivery Address

William Turnbull, Director HPCC Office  
U.S. Department of Commerce / NOAA  
Office of the CIO, HPCC  
1315 East-West Highway, Room 9600  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Two (2) [hardcopies](#) of the Offeror's technical proposal and one (1) machine readable CDROM copy of the Offeror's technical proposal shall be submitted in the format prescribed in L.6.1 to the following address:

Mail/UPS/FedEx Address and Hand Delivery Address

William L. Voitk, Contracting Officer  
U. S. Department of Commerce/NOAA  
Acquisition Management Division  
1315 East West Highway, Room 9734  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

### L.5.3 OFFEROR'S COST/PRICE PROPOSAL

The Cost/Price proposal shall be submitted in hard copy and, in addition, on ISO-9660 CDROM, formatted in Portable Document Format (PDF) and or Microsoft Excel format. All financial tables submitted are required to be in Microsoft Excel format. Seven (7) hard copies and twelve (12) machine readable CDROM copies of the Offeror's Cost/Price Proposal shall be prepared in the format described in Section L.6.2 and Section B and submitted to the following address:

Mail/UPS/FedEx Address and Hand Delivery Address

William Turnbull, Director HPCC Office  
U.S. Department of Commerce / NOAA  
Office of the CIO, HPCC  
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Two (2) hard copies and one (1) machine readable CDROM copy of the Offeror's Cost/Price Proposal shall be submitted in the format prescribed in L.6.2 and Section B to the following address:

### L.6.1 TECHNICAL PROPOSALS

The technical proposal must address all the elements in Section C, Statement of Need. The technical proposal will be used to evaluate an Offerors' ability to provide and perform the requirements detailed in Section C. Offerors should bear in mind that Risk will be assessed for all elements of the technical proposal.

The technical proposal must be organized with sections tabbed and arranged as described in L.6.1.1. The arrangement will follow the elements of Section C for the most part. The technical proposal, at the least, should describe the Offeror's response to the requirements contained in Section C. The technical proposal should include additional information the Offeror believes will more completely describe their ability to meet NOAA's needs.

The technical proposal must be prepared using the Times New Roman font in 12 point size for all text portions. It must be formatted to print double-sided on 8.5" by 11" paper with 1" margins on all sides. Page numbers must be printed in the bottom margin, centered, in the format "section - page", where section is the Section C section number, and page begins at 1 for each section. The requested hardcopies must be bound.

The technical proposal must use October 1, 2005, as the start of the R&D HPCS system life. Upgrades must be specified as "month/year. The acceptance test for each upgrade starts on the first day of the specified month.

The technical proposal must not exceed 150 pages in length (75 sheets of paper when printed double sided). The final revision of the technical proposal must be provided as a complete document, not as change pages. In addition, a change document must be provided in which all deleted text is marked with a "strikeout" (i.e., ~~strikeout~~) and added or modified text is yellow color-highlighted (i.e., yellow-color highlighted).

The technical proposal organization is provided below. Instructions are provided and Section C text has been paraphrased for the sake of brevity. Offerors must refer to Section C for the full text. A requirements matrix has been provided in Section L.6.1.1, Tab 1A. Offerors shall follow the instructions in TAB 1A for completing the matrix. The matrix does not count towards the page count for the technical proposal.

#### L.6.1.1 Technical Proposal Organization

##### **TAB 1 PROCUREMENT OBJECTIVES**

Demonstrate your understanding of NOAA's new approach for managing its HPC resources based on its functional requirements as described in C.1.

Explain how your proposed solution meets NOAA's current programmatic requirements, as represented by the funding profile presented in Table I in section C.4.3, and how your proposed solution can adapt to possible changes in these requirements.

##### **TAB 1A REQUIREMENTS MATRIX**

A Microsoft Excel file (see Section J.6) is provided to the offerors to complete. The offerors will complete the two (2) columns marked "Vendor Reference". The offerors shall provide the page